THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) electrification of un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households only would be financed with 100% capital subsidy as per norms of Kutir Jyoti norm in all rural habitations. Households above poverty line would be paying for their connections at prescribed connection charges and no subsidy would be available for this purpose.

(c) Outlay of Rs. 3510 crore has been estimated for giving connections to 2.34 crore BPL families @ Rs. 1500 per BPL household.

Rural electrification

†3114. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2005-06, it was targeted to electrify 10,846 villages and provided electricity to 60 lakh rural families;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the above said target is likely to be achieved and if so, the details thereof and the number of villages and families that have been provided with electricity between April, 2005 to December, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) A target to electrify 10,000 villages under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana was kept during 2005-06

(c) During the year 2005-06, village Electricity Infrastructure has been created for 9819 villages till 31.03.2006 and 34003 households have availed of electricity connections during 2005-06 according to report received from Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.

With regard to progress between April, 2005 to December, 2005, REC has reported that Village Electricity Infrastructure was created in 1760 villages and 5446 rural families availed of connections during that period.

Proper utilization of Power

†3115. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA :
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.